

in her, and that she had lost
hope and courage. She
had deemed to care for nothing.
Had she said anything to you
of her state of mind? I would
not ask you while she was
at home because I always
show her your letters to me.

If Annie should like Santa Cruz
and stay there several weeks I
may go down to see her. The fare
is only \$3.00 from San Jose,
and Papa wants me to go.

Papa goes to China on the next
Steamer and I shall have
to try a new breed of some
kind. I may perhaps get a
girl for this winter so as to
be entirely free to do all that
can be done for Annie.

Poor child if only I might some
way bear her sickness for her.

Have you got those remedies for
your throat from Auntie yet.

Friday eve.

Dear Abbie

I told Annie to tell
you that you need not come
up now till her return from
Santa Cruz, not that I should
not be especially glad to see
you but as you do not come
after you must make all
your visits when she is at
home. I think she was
quite pleased to go, and I
was anxious to have her
at the same time that I
do not anticipate any
particular benefit, it is
a change for her and when
she comes home that will
be another. I have (in my
own mind) seriously
debated whether it was not

my duty to send for you to
come home and be with
her, but finally concluded
not to do so at present.

Joe came up Wednesday
even as he had no vacation
the rest of this week, but
for that I should have been
entirely alone as Papa went
last night to San Jose with
Annie in order that the
ride to day might be less.
Aunt Jane went down
from the City this morning
on the other side of the bay
and Papa will see Annie
on the train to meet her
this morning. They do not
reach San Jose before 10,
and so Annie would not
have to hurry in the morning.
Sat. morn. Papa came home late
last evening. He said that they

would reach Santa Cruz
about 4. O'clock and that was
better than I expected.

I think while Annie is away
I shall take up the parlor
carpet and fit up the parlor
for a bedroom for her this
winter. In that way she can
have an open fire and be
in her room as much as
she pleased, and it tires her
very much to go up and
down stairs. At the same
time she will be near me
in the night and in the
day she can be away from
the cradle.

I have wished that I knew whether
she ever says anything about
herself to you. I have felt
since she came back from
Oakland the last time that
there was a great change in



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